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LITERATURE OF THE DAY.
WONDERS OF THE YELLOWSTONE REGION.
The discoveries recently made by exploring parties in the vast wilderness which stretches north and west of Salt Lake, are well calculated to awaken interest and wonder in every mind. The stupendous Lake, near the source of the Yellowstone, which river forms the headwaters of the Mississippi, are among the marvels of this far-off region. The "Grand National Park," at the headwaters of both the Yellowstone and Snake Rivers, has never till recently been fully explored, and is a region about which many strange rumors existed, which excited the minds of miners and others who had approached nearest to the locality.
The boiling springs in action forms perhaps the most interesting feature of this region. In size and number they excel everything of the kind on the known face of the globe. They are found in only a few other localities, those in New Zealand and Iceland being the largest, and the highest set of these is only about 75 feet.
The whole number within the area of this park is not less than 10,000, including geysers, boiling springs and steam vents, which are in a state of constant ebullition, throwing up boiling water and steam from a few inches to hundreds of feet. There are also found what are called mud volcanoes and sulphur springs, especially about the Yellowstone Lake.
The size of these geysers and boiling springs varies from the size of a pipe-stem to several hundred feet in diameter, large numbers being from two to ten feet in diameter. One of the principal geysers is called the Grotto, being a large mass of silicious rock, with many grotto-like openings, through which the boiling water and steam are thrown in every direction; another, the Crater; one, the Castle, bearing a striking resemblance to an ancient castle. Others are named the Beehive, the Giant, the Giantess, the Fan, etc. Old Faithful is so called because he belches forth his boiling water and steam with faithful regularity every sixty-five minutes, throwing a stream of water two or three feet in diameter, one hundred and forty to one hundred and seventy-five feet in height, continuing some six and a half minutes, and then subsiding.
The geysers, two hundred and fifty to three hundred feet, and steam vents, forming a considerable number of all forms and colors, and, being as smooth as glass, make a picture almost beautiful beyond imagination.
Yellowstone Lake is seven thousand four hundred and twenty-seven feet above the level of the sea, being the highest lake of its size in the world. It is very cold and abounds in most excellent trout. Parties fishing from the lake, without taking the fish from the hook, often drop them into a boiling spring near by and cook them.
Below the lake, the run has three canyons, whose perpendicular height is over one thousand feet. Near one of these the river falls one hundred and fifteen feet, and after some rapids three hundred and fifty feet more, making in all about five hundred feet.
Mr. Moran's painting of these falls was purchased by the government for about ten thousand dollars, and is now in the Capitol at Washington. On the top of Mt. Madison, Professor Bradley counted four hundred and seventy-five prominent mountain peaks. There are many basins, but the principal ones are the upper and lower Fire Hole.
The Madison River, while running through these basins, is known as the Fire Hole River. The whole region abounds in game; the principal timber is pine, and ordinary grass grows in the valleys. Red huckleberries, and some strawberries, are found. On the east side of the Tetons is a mountain more than a mile and a half in height.—*Phila. Est. Night.*

THE SUMMITAN OR HOW-TUBE OF MALAYA.
The projectiles used are darts, varying from five to eight or nine inches in length. The Dart war dart is the shortest, and is usually furnished with a small metal arrow-head. In this case the shaft is of light wood. The longer darts, such as those used in Sumatra, are made from a harder and heavier wood, usually the long spikes taken from the palms. These are left thicker toward the point than at the other end, so as to counterbalance the weight of the conical piece of pith there affixed. This piece of pith, the broadest part of which is but very little less than the bore of the blow-tube, is absolutely necessary for the forcible propulsion of the dart. As it does not fit the tube precisely, there is necessarily some escape of force. For this reason when very hard shots are desired a small pellet of cotton or other suitable fibrous material is put behind the dart. The great secret in making the darts is to insure that they balance exactly, i. e., one-half must be exactly the same weight as the other. Under any other conditions true shooting is impossible. In Pahang, Sumatra, I was much astonished to meet a man using for very small birds darts constructed out of coconut tree leaves. He took a spike of the leaf, and cut off a piece about five inches long. The walk of this he denuded of all leaf except one piece an inch and a half long on one side, the result being an inch having the shape of a quill pen. The inch and a half fragment of leaf that remained

AN ELECTRICAL TRI-CYCLE.
Enthusiastic bicyclists look forward to the time when every man shall wheel himself to and from his business, to the discomfiture of the railway houses. But a French electrician has discovered a trick worth two of that. He has succeeded in driving an English tri-cycle—something like a boy's velocipede—for an hour along the streets of Paris by means of electricity stored in a "secondary battery." The vehicle with its precompact weight four hundred weight, and it was driven at the speed of an ordinary cab. By improving the mechanism the inventor hopes to raise the speed to upwards of twelve miles an hour, and it is claimed that the modification of the French battery recently made by M. Faure will furnish a supply of electricity capable of working the tri-cycle for many hours. This is a most fascinating invention. It beats electric railways and bicycle coaches and saddle horses even. Here is a tri-cycle for his heap, will not shy or run away, and can be kept in the house ready for instant use.
It is believed that the first postage stamp used in this country was the one issued by E. A. Mitchell, Postmaster of New Haven, in the year 1847.

DOGS IN GERMANY.
Dogs are valued highly in Germany. "No Vienna enterprising man has established a bath house exclusively for dogs, which, after being thoroughly washed in large tubs, are placed in cages to dry. Dogs of all sizes and breeds and of every social position are admitted and charged only with reference to their size. No one appreciates the spirit of the phrase "to work like a dog," until he has been in Germany. The Austrian breed of a dog is called a "big dog." In Germany a dog might well be called a little horse. About half the draught power is furnished by dogs and women; and they are frequently hitched up together. It is not uncommon to see a dog drag two hundred weight. I have seen a man and a woman get into a cart drawn by two large mastiffs, and these drive down the street at a rate of which John might have been proud. Sixteen dollars will purchase a dog for this purpose—a trifling sum considering his usefulness. A dog team has one advantage over a horse team—it guards the property as well as drags it. In winter they are often allowed when resting or waiting to jump into the cart and cuddle down to the straw. In Vienna there is an immense hospital and veterinary college where horses, dogs and cats, and all quadrupeds are received. Farriers or horse doctors are required to spend six months at this institution and to receive a certificate of graduation before setting up in business for themselves. In this, as in all other matters, the Germans believe in thoroughness.

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